APPOINTMENT OF A NON-OFFICIAL PRESIDENT FOR THE TRIVANDRUM MUNICIPALITY.

27. MR. M. NILAKANDA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state the reasons for the delay in allowing the Trivandrum Municipal Council to elect a non-official President for that municipality as promised by them?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: The matter is still under correspondence.

DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS FOR PUBLIC WORKS AS BETWEEN THE DIFFERENT TALUKS IN THE STATE.

28. MR. JOSEPH PANJIKARAN: (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state—

(1) the number of miles of road in the Shertallai taluk;

(2) the number of miles of road in each of the other taluks in the State;

(3) the amount of money yearly spent for public roads in each taluk in the State for the last ten years; and

(4) the proportion that the expenditure on roads in each taluk bears to its revenue, area and population?

(*b*) Do the Government recognise the fact that although, owing to natural causes, means of communication is very backward and difficult in Shertallai, yet Shertallai, of all taluks in the State, has the least length of roads in spite of its being one of the richest, most extensive and most populous taluks?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: (*a*) (1) to (4) The appended statement* gives the necessary information, as far as it is available for 1096. Talukwar figures of revenue are not available. It is not feasible to furnish the statistics required for the past 10 years.

(*b*) The statement laid on the table will show that there are other taluks which have a shorter mileage of roads than Shertallai.

MR. JOSEPH PANJIKARAN: Am I to understand that it is not possible for the taluk authorities to furnish figures relating to the revenue of each taluk?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: It is not possible to obtain separate figures for the several taluks. Land revenue figures may be available, but not figures for other items.

MR. JOSEPH PANJIKARAN: Will the Government be pleased to state which are the 23 miles of metalled roads referred to in the appended statement relating to the Shertallai taluk?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: I want notice of that question.

MR. JOSEPH PANJIKARAN: Will the Government be pleased to state which are the 88 miles of village roads?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: Information will be called for.

MR. JOSEPH PANJIKARAN: Will the Government be pleased to state which are the metalled roads in the taluk?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: That information will also be called for.

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